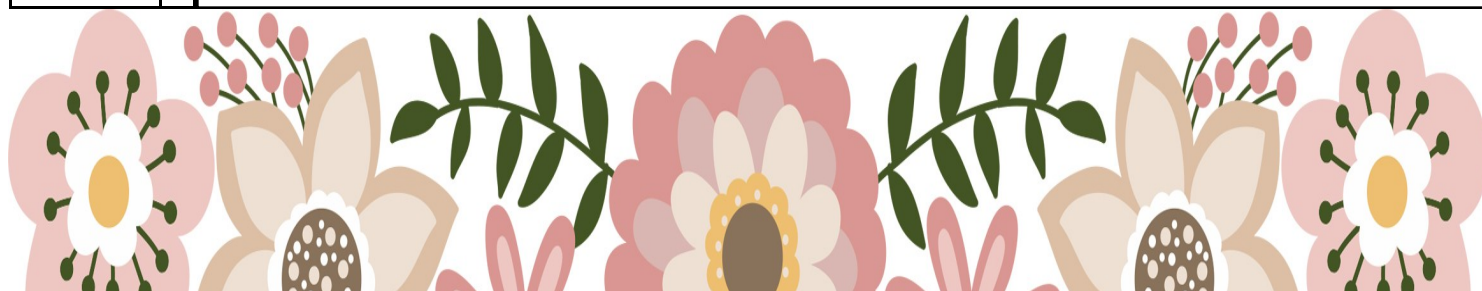


The Herald

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Inside this Issue		<u>FROM THE PASTOR</u>
Worship & Music	2	<p>Dear Friends in Christ,</p> <p>Fresh off our celebration of Pentecost and the confirmation of two of our fine young men, Braiden Lash and Jesse Gruber, let us move into summer with a cautious optimism that the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is behind us. Certainly, the daily reports of progressively less cases, hospitalizations and deaths along with the Center for Disease Control and Pennsylvania Department of Health’s suspension of mask-wearing and social-distancing for those fully immunized bode well for a concurrent lessening of these restrictions at our congregational worship and on-site activities.</p> <p>The approach of our leadership has been appropriately cautious, following along the lines of Noah and the Ark in the Bible. Recall how in Genesis 6-9 Noah and his wife and three sons together with their wives endure a pandemic-like lock-down for the forty days of the flood that covered the earth. They were cooped up in the hold of that giant vessel together with a plethora of smelly, noisy, unruly animals-two of every kind-just as we’ve been cooped up in our homes with our immediate families for the better part of the past one-and-a-half years. Life has been turned upside down and inside out with a slew of stressors from unemployment to shortages of toilet paper, cleaning supplies and other necessities, not to mention the tragic results of COVID-19 itself-that debilitating disease that caused almost 600,000 American deaths, wrenching families apart in grief. Notice how, when Noah saw that it had stopped raining, he waited until a sufficient amount of time had passed for the water to recede and dry land to reappear. Multiple times he sent out a dove to reconnoiter the situation. The first time she came right back. The second time she returned with a sprig of an olive branch in her beak, a sign of life; and the third time she did not come back so Noah knew that it was okay for him to disembark.</p> <p>In the same way, we here at Trinity are testing the waters to see whether the pandemic in our locality has subsided sufficiently to warrant a secession of our mitigation efforts and a return to normalcy. But just what will that “normalcy” entail? Will it simply mean a return to the “same-old, same-old” habits of the past that were largely camouflaged during the restrictions of the pandemic? Or, coming through the crisis with a renewed zest for life, will we be re-energized in the power of the Holy Spirit to attempt greater things for the glory and praise of Almighty God?</p> <p>I pray that, by God’s grace, it will be the latter, that you and I will experience a resurgence of our witness and ministry along with a deepening of our spiritual walk with the Lord.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In His service,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Pastor Filer</p>
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WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES



Worship Attendance



Worship services for June :

June 6 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Worship/Holy Communion

June 13 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Worship

June 20 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Worship/Holy Communion, Father's Day

June 27 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost, Worship

4/25	35
5/2	40
5/9	40
5/16	40
5/23	51

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Cynthia Leutze at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown.
- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Lollie Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber in Memory Care at the Highlands.



THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers - Dan DeAntonio, Kenny Frankhouser and Dennis Biehl.
- * Ron & Judy Corl and all our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Everyone who has, and continues to, support the Gift Card program.
- * Those who save Redner's tapes. *(Remember to use your save-a-tape card.)*
- * To all the frontline workers who continue to fight COVID 19.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jesse Dylan Gruber and Braiden Michael Lash on their confirmation May 23, 2021.



Thank you from the secretary:



I found a little ray of sunshine on my desk the Monday after Mother's Day in the form of a bright yellow marigold! Just looking at it made me smile and I want to thank you for your kindness. We all need more yellow flowers in our lives!







JUNE 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	4	5 10-4 PM Hall rented by Sue Borkey 8:30PM AA Group Meeting
6 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion	7 1:00 PM WELCA	8	9 7:00 PM Council Meet- ing	10 9:30AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	11 5-7 PM Karen Bausch Sand- wich prep	12 7-10AM Karen Bausch Sandwich pick up 8:30PM AA Group Meeting
13 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM LCHT attends Reading Fightin Phillies game. Game time 5:15 PM	14	15	16	17 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	18 2:00 PM Food Pantry Deliv- ery	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry 8:30PM AA Group Meeting
20 Father's Day <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 	21 	22	23	24 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	25	26 8:30PM AA Group Meeting
27 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship	28	29	30			


 For up to date calendar information, visit our website, www.lcht.org and click on the on Calendar tab
 

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Synod Assembly 2021 & MinLab

Our assembly is virtual to protect the most vulnerable around us, but we will be holding an in-person Ministry Laboratory (MinLab) on August 14, 2021. The MinLab will be held at the Lutheran Center. It's open to anyone, even people who were not voting members to the Synod Assembly. The Lab will allow participants to engage, in real time, with ministry ideas, congregations already participating in ministry projects, and allow space for participants to experiment with ideas, eat good food, and have fun!

Together we'll wonder about how we're healing the hurting, loving the land, and engaging the stranger!

The Good News

June is here, and hope is busting out all over. We can worship outdoors, reducing greatly the still ongoing threat of the pandemic. The vaccines are effective and safe, and I urge everyone to get their doses, so we can move back indoors more safely this fall. Our synod just hosted its first event addressing racial issues, on May 22. Our online Synod Assembly June 4 and 5 is giving us new opportunities for "**growing young and vital,**" as we share ministries that **heal the hurt, love the land, and engage the stranger**. And going forward from here, we are discovering how to partner more, as we are "**gaining strength**" and "**going beyond death to life.**"

See the **boldface** type? Yes – I've just written a paragraph incorporating ALL the new vision and direction that we are exploring together! But more than just boldface words... what are we called to BOLDLY FACE – as ELCA, as synod, as congregations, and as baptized children of God?

The answer comes to us, simply and directly, from our scripture, both Old and New Testaments: St. Paul writes "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith..." (Romans 1:16). The prophet Micah declares: "[The lord] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

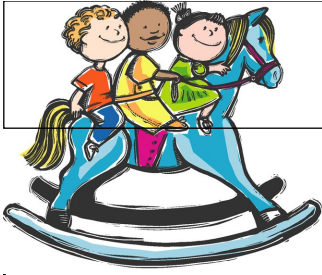
With these **bold directions**, how will we, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, proceed? HEAL THE HURTING: "**[Jesus told them]: 'As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.'**" (Matthew 10:7)

LOVE THE LAND: "**[The lord spoke to Moses]: The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants. Throughout the land that you hold, you shall provide for the redemption of the land.**" (Leviticus 25:23-24)

ENGAGE THE STRANGER: "**[The Son of Man will say when he comes in his glory]: 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...'**" [Matthew 25:34-35]

These are just a few of the bold words, given to us by the God who created everything; who led the marginalized Hebrew people God loved out of slavery, through the wilderness, into the promised land; who came to us in the person of Jesus, healing the sick and raising the dead; who died for all for the forgiveness of all our sin; and who is raised from the dead and reigns forever, and will return to judge the living and the dead and live here forever with us in our resurrected creation.

This is a **bold promise**. We are called to **bold action**. And in this lovely month of June, one of those bold actions can be, that we love our LGBTQIA+ neighbors, who still feel like strangers in our midst. One bold action – simple, small, but significant – is my request to change our SYNOD NEWS banner, to reflect the BOLD RAINBOW COLORS of June Pride Month. I encourage all of us to engage in more conversation and work together with our members and leaders who are Queer, to learn more and share more of the Good News and the good work of God, together. As Paul writes: "**For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'**" (Galatians 5:14)



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Ms. Wentzel

It's crazy how fast our school year has gone. We've had a year full of surprises and we tried our

best to keep things as "normal" as we could for our kiddos.

On May 20th we held our field day. It was a hot one!! The students enjoyed running around outside during our class time. We did our craft outside as well as snack and story time. We had a blast playing in the water table as well.

On Thursday, May 27th we held our graduation ceremony where 18 of our PM group students graduated and now are on their way to kindergarten. We wish each of them the best and know that they will do great!!

We would like to say thank you to everyone for supporting us through this difficult and challenging year and wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe summer!!

P.S. There are still a few spaces open in the AM and PM Group classes. Registration forms can be found on the church website or contact the school at rhps@comcast.net



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Leesport Lock House Foundation

- Scavenger Hunt & Games for all ages.*
- Strawberries & ice cream*
- Food & Drink*
- Historical & Nature Displays*
- House & Museum Tours*
- Home & Farm Crafts*



Centerport History Tour
By Leesport Area Historical Society
9:00 & 12:00 Reservations - 610-926-5770

**KIDS AT WORK OR
PLAY
BACK IN THE DAY**

June 5, 2021
9:00-4:00

LCHT NEWS

FIGHTIN' PHILIES NIGHT

We will be attending a Reading Phillies game on **Sunday June 13TH** in the Club 67 Picnic Area.

All you can eat buffet 4:00-6:30.
Game time is 5:15PM.

Cost will be \$31 per person age 5 and up.

Age 4 and under are free but must be included in the count.

The signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

We need at least 20 people.



Contact Dennis Biehl for details and tickets.

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder that the deadline for the next newsletter, which will cover the months of July and August is **Friday, June 18.**

Our newsletter is only as informative as the articles submitted.

It's better to have multiple submissions for the same event, than none at all. It's also important to remember that the office is not necessarily aware of all events, so it's safer to presume the information is not known, and submit it.

Your help in making *The Herald* an informative tool for our church family is greatly appreciated!

LCHT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

FOOD PANTRY:

Our church is the distribution site for the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry. It is a monthly distribution done on the third Saturday of each month, from 9 to 11 a.m. There is an income guideline and a registration form to fill out, giving us your name and address as well as the number of family members in your household. Also, there are brochures and information available on heating assistance, ways to conserve energy and general concerns of limited income families.

Please contact the church for further information.

The food pantry continues to serve an increase number of families.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

There is a box in the vestibule for donations.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

Submitted by Janet Kleffel

Redner's Warehouse Markets gives 1% of purchases back to the Women of the ELCA. This one percent can really add up! And the monies go to good things like the Mission Trip, VFW, Berk's Women in Crisis, just to name a few.

In order for Redner's to count the receipt (a.k.a. - register tape), it has to be the ENTIRE receipt, and it has to have a "save-a-tape" number on it.

Use your pump perks card or save-a-tape card at the checkout. Then, just drop the ENTIRE receipt in the box at the ushers station in the narthex.

DO NOT cut the bottom off. We only get credit for COMPLETE tapes! Also, please be sure to turn your tapes in in a timely manner, as Redner's will not accept any over three years old. Your help is so appreciated. If you have any questions, please see

Janet Kleffel.

Veterans Making a Difference is an ongoing project through WELCA and Pastoral Care. There is a box in the narthex for collecting needed items for the veterans. Items will be delivered as they accumulate. Requests include personal care items, laundry detergent, large size winter coats, boxer shorts, white socks, large size flannel night pants, Crest toothpaste and Old Spice deodorant.

We received an updated list of current needs for the veterans!

The list is as follows-

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Laundry detergent

Liquid body soap

Dish soap



ELCA WORLD HUNGER

One in ten people (about 821 million) around the world, including many in our own country, go hungry every day.

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are called to respond. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help our church creatively and courageously work toward a world of justice in which all are fed. Progress has been made in the last few decades, but much work remains to be done.

During the summer months, we will be collecting your loose change for the ELCA's World Hunger efforts.

There is a box in the narthex for you to contribute your coins. As a reminder, there are also small collection boxes that you can pick up and fill at home.

If you would like to contribute a larger sum, envelopes for this purpose are available and may be put in the regular offering plate.



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

02 - Evan Lash
06 - Mary Ann Franklin
Shirley Weist
Judy Corl
07 - Stone Weber
Peter Miller
08 - Michael Miller

09 - Jenna Strause
16 - Oliver Graeff
23 - Bryce Hawkins
Lori Lowery
24 - Jacob Lowery
25 - Chuck Mowery



Anniver-

06 - Paul & Juliana Clery
10 - Ken & Jean Stoudt
15 - Raymond & Linda Reichard
17 - Bruce & Sandy Buchalter
19 - Richard & Sue Hawkins
30 - Jeffrey & Linda Greely
Michael & Lori Lowery

saries:

If you do not see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, it means the office is missing this information. Please write your information down, drop it by the office, or email it to: lchtsecretary@comcast.net. Thank you.

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

06-Virginia Lash
13-Sue Reiber
20-Virginia Lash
27-Vicki Fetterman

Bulletins

06-
13-Sue Reiber
20-
27-Vicki Fetterman

Nursery

No attendant but room will be open.

See bulletin board to sign up to sponsor flowers or bulletins. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$25. The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$15.



Ushers

06- Phyllis Heffner, Ron Davidheiser, Linda Roshong
13- Renee Lenning, Vicki Fetterman, Dennis Biehl
20- Ron Davidheiser, Helen Stoudt, Janet Kleffel
27- Phyllis Heffner, Linda Roshong, Renee Lenning

About The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Our Mission:

"The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a worshipping, community of faith in Christ Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit to reach out and serve all people with God's love."

About The Herald:

The *Holy Trinity Herald* is a newsletter distributed by the beginning of each month, except August. Articles can be submitted to the church office or e-mailed (preferred) to the Secretary.

Deadline for article submission is the 15th of each month.

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